

DNREC Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit charges New Castle woman in trash dumping incident

NEWARK – After investigating an illegal dumping complaint made to DNREC's Division of Community Affairs, Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit arrested a New Castle woman Thursday, Aug. 2 in connection with the incident.

Merle M. Moore, 46, was charged with one count of causing or contributing to the disposal or discharge of solid waste materials at the Polly Drummond Hill Road Yard Waste Demonstration Site in Newark. The charge carries a minimum fine of \$500.

Moore was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 11 in New Castle and released on her own recognizance, pending trial at a later date.

The Polly Drummond Yard Waste Site allows Delaware residents to drop off yard waste from their own yard. Commercial businesses are not eligible to drop off yard waste at this site. Yard waste consists of plant materials from lawn maintenance and landscaping activities such as: grass clippings, leaves, prunings, brush, shrubs, garden materials, Christmas trees, and tree limbs up to four inches in diameter. Only loose material can be left; plastic bags and other containers must be emptied and removed from the site. Leaving construction debris such as lumber and fencing at the site is not permitted.

Residents are encouraged to report illegal trash dumping to DNREC's Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit by calling the 24-hour environmental complaints line at

800-662-8802.

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